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TAGS: PFOR MOPS IS SY EG

SUBJ: ISRAELI- SYRIAN PRISONER EXCHANGE

REF: TEL AVIV 4445

1. INTERESTING SIDELIGHT TO ISRAELI- SYRIAN POW EXCHANGE REPORTED TO EMBOFF BY SENIOR LEBANESE ARMY OFFICER. HE SAID THAT AT ONE POINT IN FINAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR EXCHANGE, ISRAEL INFORMED SYRIANS AND LEBANESE VIA ICRC THAT IT PREPARED RELEASE ALL SYRIAN PRISONERS PLUS THE LEBANESE TAKEN PRISONER INSIDE LEBANON LAST UNE 21 ST WHILE ESCORTING SYRIAN OFFICERS IN EXCHANGE FOR RELEASE OF ISRAELI PRISONERS BY SYRIA. HOWEVER, ISRAEL NOT RPT NOT PREPARED RELEASE LEBANESE MILITARY CAPTURED INSIDE LEBANON DURING IDF OPERATIONS LAST SEPT 16-17. ICRC UNABLE CLARIFY FOR LEBANESE WHY ISRAEL TOOK THIS POSITION NOR WHY SYRIAN TOOK EVEN MORE SURPRISING POSITION OF REFUSING EXCHANGE UNLESS ISRAEL AGREED RELEASE ALL LEBANESE PRISONERS, WHICH EVENTUALLY TRANSPIRED.

2. RETURNED LEBANESE PRISONERS REPORT THAT THEY VERY WELL TREATED AT ALL TIMES, WITH REGULAR ACCESS TO ICRC. LOCAL PRESS HAS NOT BEEN PLAYING UP SYRIAN CHARGES OF ALLEGED ISRAELI BRUTALITY.

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3. COMMENT: EXCHANGE APPEARS TO BE ONE OF MANY MYSTERIES  
INVOLVING FINER POINTS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL, LEBANON AND SYRIA.

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